

**INCOME TAX ACT OF 1967 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 281 of 1967**

**206.351 Deducting and withholding tax on compensation; computation of amount; withholding tables; disposition of taxes withheld; employer as trustee; liability; nonresident employees; providing department with copy of certain exemption certificates; exemption certificate; statement; definitions.**

Sec. 351. (1) Every employer in this state required under the provisions of the internal revenue code to withhold a tax on the compensation of an individual, except as otherwise provided, shall deduct and withhold a tax in an amount computed by applying, except as provided by subsection (9), the rate prescribed in section 51 to the remainder of the compensation after deducting from compensation the same proportion of the total amount of personal and dependency exemptions of the individual allowed under this act that the period of time covered by the compensation is of 1 year. The commissioner may prescribe withholding tables that may be used by employers to compute the amount of tax required to be withheld.

(2) Every flow-through entity in this state shall withhold a tax in an amount computed by applying the rate prescribed in section 51 to the share of taxable income available for distribution of each nonresident member after deducting from that distributive income the same proportion of the total amount of personal and dependency exemptions of the individual allowed under this act that the period of time covered by the distributive income is of 1 year. If a flow-through entity is a nonresident member of a separate flow-through entity in this state, the flow-through entity in this state of which it is a member shall withhold the tax as required by this subsection on behalf of the flow-through entity that is a nonresident member and all nonresident members of that flow-through entity that is a nonresident member.

(3) Every casino licensee shall withhold a tax in an amount computed by applying the rate prescribed in section 51 to the winnings of a nonresident reportable by the casino licensee under the internal revenue code.

(4) Every race meeting licensee or track licensee shall withhold a tax in an amount computed by applying the rate prescribed in section 51 to a payoff price on a winning ticket of a nonresident reportable by the race meeting licensee or track licensee under the internal revenue code that is the result of pari-mutuel wagering at a licensed race meeting.

(5) Every casino licensee or race meeting licensee or track licensee shall report winnings of a resident reportable by the casino licensee or race meeting licensee or track licensee under the internal revenue code to the department in the same manner and format as required under the internal revenue code.

(6) The taxes withheld under this section shall accrue to the state on the last day of the month in which the taxes are withheld but shall be returned and paid to the department by the employer, flow-through entity, casino licensee, or race meeting licensee or track licensee within 15 days after the end of any month or as provided in section 355, except prior to July 1, 1993, taxes deposited pursuant to section 19(2) of 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.19, are accrued on the last day of the filing period.

(7) An employer, flow-through entity, casino licensee, or race meeting licensee or track licensee required by this section to deduct and withhold taxes on compensation, a share of income available for distribution on which withholding is required under subsection (2), winning on which withholding is required under subsection (3), or a payoff price on which withholding is required under subsection (4) holds the amount of tax withheld as a trustee for the state, is liable for the payment of the tax to the state, and is not liable to any individual for the amount of the payment.

(8) An employer in this state is not required to deduct and withhold a tax on the compensation paid to a nonresident individual employee, who, under section 256, may claim a tax credit equal to or in excess of the tax estimated to be due for the tax year or is exempted from liability for the tax imposed by this act. In each tax year, the nonresident individual shall furnish to the employer, on a form approved by the department, a verified statement of nonresidence.

(9) An employer, flow-through entity, casino licensee, or race meeting licensee or track licensee required to withhold a tax under this act, by the fifteenth day of the following month, shall provide the department with a copy of any exemption certificate on which the employee, nonresident member, or person subject to withholding under subsection (3) or (4) claims more than 9 personal or dependency exemptions, claims a status that exempts the employee, nonresident member, or person subject to withholding under subsection (3) or (4) from withholding under this section, or elects to pay the tax imposed by this act calculated under section 51a.

(10) An employer shall deduct and withhold the tax imposed by this act calculated under section 51a for a resident who files an exemption certificate under subsection (9) to elect to pay the tax calculated under section 51a.

(11) The exemption certificate required by this section shall include the following statement, “Electing to file using the no-form option may not be for everyone who is eligible. If a taxpayer chooses the no-form option, he or she may not be eligible for some of the credits allowed under this act including the property tax credit allowed under sections 520 and 522, the tuition tax credit allowed under section 274, and the city income tax credit allowed under section 257.”.

(12) As used in this section:

(a) “Casino” means that term as defined in section 110.

(b) “Casino licensee” means a person licensed to operate a casino under the Michigan gaming control and revenue act, the Initiated Law of 1996, MCL 432.201 to 432.226.

(c) “Race meeting licensee” and “track licensee” mean a person to whom a race meeting license or track license is issued pursuant to section 8 of the horse racing law of 1995, 1995 PA 279, MCL 431.308.

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**Compiler's note:** Section 2 of Act 15 of 1983 provides: “Because a severe economic recession has caused an actual deficit in state funds, the legislature finds that this amendatory act is necessary to, and it is the purpose of this amendatory act to, meet the actual deficiencies existing in state funds at the time of this enactment.”